

avenue of service to this Nation: educating its youth.

Reflecting on her three and a half years of service in my office, Jerrica has performed her role with all honor and distinction. It has been an honor and a privilege to have her as a member of my staff.

On behalf of the United States House of Representatives, with some regret that she is leaving but immense gratitude for her presence in our office, I commend Jerrica Proferes for pursuing the great responsibility of educating the next generation, and I thank her for her faithful and diligent service to the people of Tennessee's Seventh Congressional District.

**CONGRATULATING HUNGARIAN
PRIME MINISTER VIKTOR ORBAN
ON RE-ELECTION**

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban on his resounding reelection. The people of Hungary, in a super majority, not only supported him, but his party. In my view, the recipe to his success in Hungary is simple: put Hungary first, always. By focusing on what is good for Hungarians, Mr. Orban rejected internationalism, socialism, and subservience to non-sensical European Union mandates. It is a model, quite frankly, we should follow in the United States, where we seal our borders to protect our citizens and our economy, where we focus on rebuilding families, where we focus on the spirit of our people through God, not just material pursuits, and where we make economic policies that protect our own people and do not subsidize others.

I am also including in the RECORD the following statement from Judicial Watch and Mr. Tom Fitton, its President. They sent a team of election observers to Hungary and found it was a well run, orderly, and fair election, with no corruption. The same cannot be said about our own elections. Congratulations to Mr. Orban, and Mr. Fitton, for the good work they are doing.

**JUDICIAL WATCH TEAM OBSERVES HUNGARY
ELECTIONS—PRAISES ELECTION DAY PROCESSES**

WASHINGTON, DC.—Judicial Watch announced today that it sent a six-member team to observe Election Day procedures during the April 3, 2022, Hungarian parliamentary and referendum national elections. A Judicial Watch report on the Hungarian election concluded that the administration of the vote on Election Day was efficient, orderly, and unremarkable.

The team was led by attorneys who previously worked for the Department of Justice's Voting Section monitoring state and federal elections in the United States. The team also included lawyers who had monitored elections for Judicial Watch.

Judicial Watch's representatives observed voting in 52 precincts at 27 locations in and around Budapest. The Judicial Watch team did not observe any meaningful problems throughout the day. Despite a high national turnout rate approaching 70%, lines were usually brief and only rarely exceeded 15 minutes. The Hungarian electoral practice of

including representatives of every party of any size at each voter registration desk appears to have contributed to a low-controversy environment. In some ways, according to the report, the administration of the vote was more effective, and less chaotic, than what team members had observed in previous elections in parts of the United States.

Judicial Watch's monitoring methodology emphasizes ballot access, meaning the ability of citizens to easily register and cast an equal vote in an election. It particularly focuses on recording specific Election Day problems concerning unlawful electioneering, arbitrary variations in the rules for voting, aggressive voting assistance, unusual ballot handling, voter intimidation or confrontations, and voter "turn aways."

Judicial Watch noted that its methodology contrasted with the approach adopted by other international observers, who often criticized the Hungarian elections based on value judgments about matters like media bias, negative campaigning, campaign finance policy, and the prevalence of women candidates. The report stated that these "are matters more appropriately addressed by editorial boards, not election monitoring teams."

"The transnational Left swarmed Hungary in order to try to create controversy about the election of their ideological opponent, Viktor Orban. By contrast, Judicial Watch's expert election observer team found virtually no issues in the conduct of the elections in Hungary," stated Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton.

**CONGRATULATING GRAMMY
AWARDED ROCKFORD NATIVE
ROBERT ISTAD**

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Robert Istad for receiving a Grammy Award for "Best Choral Performance."

Robert Istad is a native of Rockford, Illinois and a graduate of the Christian Life High School. Now a professor of Choral Studies and a conductor at Cal State Fullerton, Robert's passion for music has become a fulfilling career. This year, Robert won a Grammy Award for "Best Choral Performance" for his work on the classical piece Mahler Symphony Number 8, Symphony of a Thousand. It is the first Grammy Award for Robert and his renowned choir, the resident chorus at Segerstrom Center for the Arts.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to, again, formally congratulate Robert Istad on his first Grammy Award, and wish him much success in his life and career.

HONORING JOHN WILLIAMS

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor John Williams, whom I have named the 5th Congressional District's 2022 Climate Crisis Champion from

Napa County for his inspiring leadership in combatting the climate crisis currently gripping our communities.

Born in Clymer, New York, Mr. Williams earned his bachelor's degree from Cornell University and his master's degree in Oenology from University of California, Davis. Mr. Williams founded Frog's Leap Winery over 40 years ago, working as a cellar hand at Stag's Leap Winery and Spring Mountain Winery to finance the first vintage of Frog's Leap wine.

On top of his deep passion for making excellent wine, Mr. Williams has made Frog's Leap Winery a pioneer of organic viticulture practices by abstaining from chemical fertilizers and pesticides, reducing irrigation, and installing solar technology. In fact, he brought a solar installation to Frog's Leap before any other winery in Napa County, starting a climate-friendly trend in the industry.

Mr. Williams participates in various community activities that work to combat climate change. He is a founding member of the Napa Valley Grapegrowers Environment and Climate Committee and also serves on the organization's Industry Issues Committee, which works to educate on climate-smart farming practices and setting measurable climate action goals for the wine industry. He was the 2020 Porto Protocols Speaker on Climate Change and the recipient of the coveted "Susty" award from the Ecological Farming Conference. Mr. Williams has also played a major role in the Napa Valley River Restoration project.

Mr. Williams' family have only good things to say about his amazing climate work and environmental business practices. John and his wife Tori have been married for 12 years, and collectively are the proud parents of Rory, Kaylor, Kelly and Owen and four grandchildren, Hal, Alma, Casey and Sophie.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that John Williams has dedicated his life to combating the climate crisis in our communities. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

**IN MEMORY OF MOTOR MACHINIST
MATE 2ND CLASS ROGER H.
SPOONER**

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today, to pay tribute to an extraordinary sailor, World War II veteran, and dedicated civil servant, Mr. Roger H. Spooner, who transitioned from labor to reward on Thursday, February 24, 2022, at the age of 99. His funeral service was held on Sunday, February 27, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. under the "Spooner Oak" on Bartow Gibson Highway in Seminole County, Georgia.

Roger Hern Spooner was born November 18, 1922, as one of eight children to the union of Lewis and Delia Spooner.

In his pursuit of a life outside of farming, Roger answered the call to serve his nation when he enlisted in the U.S. Navy in October of 1941 at the age of 18. After completing boot camp, he was sent to the aircraft carrier,